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Submission from Malawi on behalf of the least developed countries

1. On 2 December 2014, the secretariat received a submission from Malawi on behalf of the least developed countries.

2. This submission is attached and reproduced* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.[1]

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Submission from Malawi on behalf of the least developed countries

Proposal from MALAWI on behalf of the LDCs

Decision -/CP.20

Advancing gender equality and achieving gender-responsive climate change policy under the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18 and conclusions SBI/2013/L.16 on improving the participation of women in Convention negotiations and in the representation Parties in bodies established under the Convention,

Stressing the importance of coherence between gender-responsive climate policies and balanced participation of women and men in the Convention process and provisions of international instruments, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, Agenda 21 and the Future We Want: Outcome document adopted at Rio+20,

Acknowledging the progress made in advancing gender balance and gender-responsive international climate change policy through the decisions referred to above on integrating gender in the major activities under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol,

Noting that notwithstanding the progress made by the Parties to implement the decisions referred to above, women continue to be underrepresented on national delegations to and in bodies of the Convention,

Also noting that gender-responsive climate policy still requires further clarification and strengthening in all activities related to adaptation and mitigation as well as decision making on the implementation of climate policies,

1. *Decides* to enhance decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18 and advance gender equality and achieve gender responsive climate policy in all relevant activities under the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol;

2. *Agrees* that additional efforts still need to be made by all Parties to improve the participation of women on their delegations and in all bodies established by the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, as envisaged in decisions 36/CP.7 and 23/CP.18;

3. *Decides* to establish a framework for promoting gender equality and achieving gender responsive climate policy including the following elements, developed for the purpose of guiding a two-year work programme on promoting gender equality and the effective participation of women in the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol, the possible elements of which are set out in the annex to this decision:

(a) Reviewing decisions of the Conference of the Parties, which address gender sensitive approaches, and establishing relevant benchmarks for enhancing the expertise required on gender equality and climate change to implement these decisions in accordance with the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality;

(b) Strengthening existing work in the thematic areas, including, *inter alia*, mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology and capacity building, through in-session workshops that contribute to understanding the relationship between gender equality and climate change and provide tools for gender responsive climate policy, following this proposed schedule:

(i) An in-session workshop on gender-responsive mitigation action and technology development and transfer during the forty-second session of the subsidiary bodies (SB 42) with follow up consideration of the report of the workshop at the forty-third session of the subsidiary bodies (SB 43);

(ii) An in-session workshop on gender-responsive finance during the forty-fourth session of the subsidiary bodies of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol (SB 44) with follow up consideration of the report of the workshop at the forty-fifth session of the subsidiary bodies (SB 45);

(iii) In-session workshops on other themes, including capacity building and adaptation, to be organized at sessions subsequent to those listed in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), above;

(c) Establishing a platform for dialogue on gender equality during sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies, open to Parties and relevant accredited observers with the aim of providing a space to network and share information and experiences. The platform and its functions would be developed by a task force, to be informed by, *inter alia*, the functions of the existing Women's Caucus, hosted by the Women and Gender Constituency;

(d) Training and awareness raising for female and male delegates on issues related to gender equality and climate change in cooperation with interested Parties and relevant organizations, taking into account current information and best practice in the area of gender-responsive climate policy;

(e) Building the skills and capacity of female delegates, particularly from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to effectively participate in UNFCCC meetings via training on *inter alia*, negotiation skills and drafting legal language and strategic communications, in co-operation with interested Parties and relevant organizations;

(f) Support implementation of gender-responsive climate policy by making use of existing, and developing additional, methodologies; tools; knowledge; research and strategies

7. *Invites* Parties and observer organizations to include information on progress made in meeting the goals of achieving gender equality and gender sensitive climate policy as part of their communication of information related to implementation, in accordance with Article 12 of the Convention, and to review this information at the twenty-second session of the Conference of Parties (COP 22), taking any necessary action needed to strengthen the progress of furthering these goals;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to appoint a Senior Gender Equality Expert to ensure the effective implementation of urgent work on gender equality and climate change;

9. *Further invites* Parties and relevant organizations to provide the means for implementing the framework, including through voluntary support, and through contributions to the core budget of the secretariat.

10. *Takes note* of the budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in this decision;

11. *Requests* that the actions of the secretariat called for in this decision be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.